Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Room TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

> Re: CC Docket Nos. 02-6

> > Request for Review of Decision by Administrator

Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter, Form 471

Application number 298010

FCC Registration Number: 0011779261

Pursuant to section 54.719 of the Commission's rules and regulations, 47 C.F.R. § 54.719, Networks and More! Inc. (N&M) hereby requests for the review of a determination issued on November 3, 2006 by the Schools & Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

N&M is a Service Provider registered with USAC under Service Provider Identification Number 143004355. N&M provides schools & libraries with various Internet services including E-Rate eligible Internet e-mail service.

The funding in question was for **Funding Year 2002**, involving **FRN 777610** for the West Deptford Twp Sch District. The amount of funding totaled \$3,024.00 for e-mail services.

According to SLD's Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter, USAC has rescinded funding based on a finding that "service provider contact information appeared on the cited Form 470." According to USAC, a Form 470 that contains contact information for a service provider that participates in the competitive bidding process is considered "tainted", and all Funding Requests that relate to such a form must be denied.

SLD's determination is in error. Review of the actual 470 in question (996630000389612) as filed on SLD's web site shows that the form contains only contact information for the school district. No contact information whatsoever for N&M or any other service provider is included on the form. SLD's determination that the Form 470 is tainted based on inclusion of service provider contact information is, therefore, completely unjustified.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A copy of the relevant Form 470 is attached in .pdf format to assist the Commission in review this matter. Examination of that form shows that the address, telephone and fax numbers found under Item 4 are those of the school. The Contact Person listed under Item 6 is the school's Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and all contact information under that Item relate to the applicant. The Authorized Person listed under Item 27 is the school's Business Administrator/Board Secretary. None of the other phone numbers or addresses listed on the form are associated with N&M or any of its personnel.

Furthermore, any involvement of N&M in connection with this application was ministerial/clerical in nature and did not in any way "taint" or otherwise affect the competitive bidding process. At that time, and throughout the entire history of the E-rate program, our company has scrupulously complied with both the letter and spirit of all published rules, policies, interpretations, etc of both the SLD and the FCC.

N&M accordingly requests that the Commission reverse the action of the SLD and direct SLD promptly to restore funding for this FRN.

Sincerely,

James M. Punderson, IV President Networks & More!, Inc. PO Box 178 Island Heights, NJ 08732 Phone: 732-929-1485

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# **Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter** Funding Year 2002: 7/01/2002 - 6/30/2003

November 3, 2006

**James Punderson IV** Networks & More, Inc. 24 Highland Bend, PO Box 178 Island Heights, NJ 08732

Re: SPIN:

143004355

Form 471 Application Number: 298010

Funding Year:

2002

**FCC Registration Number** 

0011779261

**Applicant Name:** 

WEST DEPTFORD TWP SCH DISTRICT

**Billed Entity Number:** 

123247

**Applicant Contact Person:** 

William H. Thompson

Our routine review of Schools and Libraries Program funding commitments has revealed certain applications where funds were committed in violation of program rules.

In order to be sure that no funds are used in violation of program rules, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) must now adjust the overall funding commitment. The purpose of this letter is to make the adjustments to the funding commitment required by program rules, and to give you an opportunity to appeal this decision. USAC has determined the service provider is responsible for all or some of the program rule violations. Therefore, the service provider is responsible to repay all or some of the funds disbursed in error (if any).

This is NOT a bill. If recovery of disbursed funds is required, the next step in the recovery process is for SLD to issue you a Demand Payment Letter. The balance of the debt will be due within 30 days of the Demand Payment Letter. Failure to pay the debt within 30 days from the date of the Demand Payment Letter could result in interest, late payment fees, administrative charges and implementation of the "Red Light Rule." Please see the "Informational Notice to All Universal Service Fund Contributors, Beneficiaries, and Service Providers" at http://www.universalservice.org/fund-administration/tools/latest-news.aspx#083104 for more information regarding the consequences of not paying the debt in a timely manner.

# Funding Commitment Adjustment Report Form 471 Application Number: 298010

Funding Request Number: 777610

Contract Number: C

Services Ordered: INTERNET ACCESS

Billing Account Number:

Original Funding Commitment: \$3,024.00

Commitment Adjustment Amount: \$3,024.00

Adjusted Funding Commitment: \$0.00

Funds Disbursed to Date: \$3,024.00

Funds to be Recovered from Service Provider: \$3,024.00

Funding Commitment Adjustment Explanation:

After a thorough investigation, it has been determined that this funding commitment must be rescinded in full. During the course of review it was determined that service provider contact information appeared on the cited Form 470. When the Service Provider, Networks & More, Inc., participated in the preparation of the cited Form 470 (Application Number:996630000389612), the Form 470 becomes tainted. FCC rules require applicants to submit a Form 470 to initiate the competitive bidding process, and to conduct a fair and open process. If the applicant has posted a Form 470 that contains contact information for a service provider that participates in the competitive bidding process, the applicant has violated this requirement, and FCC rules consider this Form 470 to be tainted. All Funding Requests that relate to this Form 470 are required to be denied because the Form 470 is tainted. Accordingly, the commitment has been rescinded in full and USAC will seek recovery of any disbursed funds. USAC has determined that both the applicant and the service provider are responsible for this rule violation; if any funds were disbursed, USAC will seek recovery of the improperly disbursed funds from both the applicant and the service provider.

PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS PAGE WITH YOUR CHECK TO ENSURE TIMELY PROCESSING

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FCC Form Approval by OMB 3060-0806

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# Schools and Libraries Universal Service Description of Services Requested and Certification Form

Estimated Average Burden Hours Per Response: 4.0 hours

This form is designed to help you describe the eligible telecommunications-related services you seek so that this data can be posted on the Fund Administrator website and interested service providers can identify you as a potential customer and compete to serve you.

Please read instructions before beginning this application.

(To be completed by entity that will negotiate with providers.)

#### **Block 1: Applicant Address and Identifications**

Form 470 Application Number: 996630000389612

**Applicant's Form Identifier:** 

Application Status: CERTIFIED

Posting Date: 12/10/2001

Allowable Contract Date: 01/07/2002

Certification Received Date: 12/12/2001

1. Name of Applicant:

WEST DEPTFORD TWP SCH DISTRICT

2. Funding Year: 3. Your Entity Number

07/01/2002 - 06/30/2003 123247

4a. Applicant's Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number

675 Grove Road - Suite 804

City State Zip Code
West Deptford NJ 08066

b. Telephone number C. Fax number (856) 845- 4300 (856) 845- 5743

d. E-mail Address

#### 5. Type Of Applicant

- Individual School (individual public or non-public school)
- School District (LEA;public or non-public[e.g., diocesan] local district representing multiple schools)
- Library (including library system, library branch, or library consortium applying as a library)
- Consortium (intermediate service agencies, states, state networks, special consortia)

#### **6a. Contact Person's Name:** William H. Thompson

First, fill in every item of the Contact Person's information below that is different from Item 4, above. **Then** check the box next to the preferred mode of contact. (At least one box **MUST** be checked.)

6b. Street Address, P.O.Box, or Route Number

675 Grove Road - Suite 804

City State Zip Code
West Deptford NJ 08066

6c. Telephone Number (856) 845- 4300

6d. Fax Number (856) 845- 5743

6e. E-mail Address wthompson@wdeptford.k12.nj.us

#### **Block 2: Summary Description of Needs or Services Requested**

#### 7 This Form 470 describes (check all that apply):

- **a.** Tariffed services telecommunications services, purchased at regulated prices, for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for tariffed services for each funding year.
- **b.** Month-to-month services for which the applicant has no signed, written contract. A new Form 470 must be filed for these services for each funding year.
- **c.** Services for which a new written contract is sought for the funding year in Item 2.
- **d.** A multi-year contract signed on or before 7/10/97 but for which no Form 470 has been filed in a previous program year.

NOTE: Services that are covered by a signed, written contract executed pursuant to posting of a Form 470 in a previous program year OR a contract signed on/before 7/10/97 and reported on a Form 470 in a previous year as an existing contract do NOT require filing of a Form 470.

What kinds of service are you seeking: Telecommunications Services, Internet Access, or Internal Connections? Refer to the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples. Check the relevant category or categories (8, 9, and/or 10 below), and answer the questions in each category you select.

8 M Telecommunications Services

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking?

- a ☐ YES, I have an RFP. It is available on the Web at or via (check one):
  ☐ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.
- **b** NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

If you answered NO, you must list below the Telecommunications Services you seek. Specify each service or function (e.g., local voice service) and quantity and/or capacity(e.g., 20 existing lines plus 10 new ones). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Telecommunications Services. Remember that only eligible telecommunications providers can provide these services under the universal service support mechanism. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function: Quantity and/or Capacity:

LOCAL PHONE SERVICE, POTS, CENTREX Existing: 179

Full and/or fractional T-1 using SMDS, frame relay and/or PTP and/or ADSL, ISDN BRI custoflex.

Paging Services Existing: 3
Cellular Services Existing: 22
Intra LATA Long Distance Existing: 179
Inter LATA Long Distrance Existing: 179

9 Internet Access

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking?

- **YES**, I have an RFP. It is available on the Web at or via (check one): ☐ the Contact Person in Item 6 or ☐ the contact listed in Item 11.
- **b** NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

**If you answered NO,** you must list below the Internet Access Services you seek. Specify each **service or function** (e.g., monthly Internet service) and quantity and/or capacity(e.g., for 500 users). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Internet Access services. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function: Quantity and/or Capacity:

MONTHLY INTERNET ACCESS For 6 bldgs
E-MAIL SERVICE 2000+ Users

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10 M Internal Connections

Do you have a Request for Proposal (RFP) that specifies the services you are seeking?

**YES**, I have an RFP. It is available on the Web at or via (check one): the Contact Person in Item 6 or the contact listed in Item 11.

**b** NO, I do not have an RFP for these services.

**If you answered NO**, you must list below the Internal Connections Services you seek. Specify each **service or function** (e.g., local area network) and quantity and/or capacity(e.g., connecting 10 rooms and 300 computers at 56kbps or better). See the Eligible Services List at www.sl.universalservice.org for examples of eligible Internal Connections services. Add additional lines if needed.

Service or Function:

Quantity and/or Capacity:

To connect 350 rooms

Additional CAT5/6 and/or fiber optic cabling desired along with network infrastructure electronics.

Desired: Network infrastructure improvements including hubs, switches, routers, servers, network software, network installation and maintenance services

maintenance services.

Improvements to phone system, phone cabling and phone installation and maintenance services.

To connect 5 bldgs

5 bldas

**11** (Optional) Please name the person on your staff or project who can provide additional technical details or answer specific questions from service providers about the services you are seeking. This need not be the contact person listed in Item 6 nor the signer of this form.

Name: Title:

Telephone number

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Fax number

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E-mail Address

**12.** Check here if there are any restrictions imposed by state or local laws or regulations on how or when providers may contact you or on other bidding procedures. Please describe below any such restrictions or procedures, and/or provide Web address where they are posted and a contact name and telephone number for service providers without Internet access.

We are subject to NJ State purchasing laws. N.J.S.A. 18A;18A-3 etc. which mean we can only purchase goods and services through open public bids, from vendors having approved, existing NJ state contracts or from vendors or via purchases that qualify for an exception or exemption from these laws and regulations

**13.** If you intend to enter into a multi-year contract based on this posting or a contract featuring an option for voluntary extensions you may provide that information below. If you have plans to purchase additional services in future years, or expect to seek new contracts for existing services, summarize below (including the likely timeframes).

#### **Block 3: Technology Assessment**

- **14. Basic telephone service only:** If your application is for basic local and long distance telephone service (wireline or wireless) only, check this box and skip to Item 16.
- **15.** Although the following services and facilities are ineligible for support, they are usually necessary to make effective use of the eligible services requested in this application. Unless you indicated in Item 14 that your application is ONLY for basic telephone service, you must check at least one box in (a) through (e). You may provide details for purchases being sought.

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a. Desktop software: Software required label has been purchased; and/or label is being sought.
<b>b.</b> Electrical systems: adequate electrical capacity is in place or has already been arranged; and/or upgrading for additional electrical capacity is being sought.
c. Computers: a sufficient quantity of computers 🔳 has been purchased; and/or 🗖 is being sought.
<b>d.</b> Computer hardware maintenance: adequate arrangements 🗾 have been made; and/or 🗖 are being sought.
e. Staff development: all staff have had an appropriate level of training /additional training has already been scheduled; and/or training is being sought.
f. Additional details: Use this space to provide additional details to help providers to identify the services you desire.
Block 4: Recipients of Service
16. Eligible Entities That Will Receive Services:
Check the ONE choice (a,b or c) that best describes this application and the eligible entities that will receive the services described in this application. You will then list in Item 17 the entity/entities that will pay the bills for these services.
a. C Individual school or single-site library.
b. C Statewide application for (enter 2-letter state code) NJ representing (check all that apply):  All public schools/districts in the state:  All non-public schools in the state:  All libraries in the state:
If your statewide application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here.   If thecked, complete Item 18.
c. School district, library system, or consortium application to serve multiple eligible entities:
Number of eligible sites 5
For these eligible sites, please provide the following
Area Codes (list each unique area code)  Prefixes associated with each area code (first 3 digits of phone number) separate with commas, leave no spaces
<b>856</b> 384,845,848,853
If your application includes INELIGIBLE entities, check here.   If checked, complete Item 18.

#### 17. Billed Entities

List the entity/entities that will be paying the bills directly to the provider for the services requested in this application. These are known as Billed Entities. At least one line of this item must be completed. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

**Entity**WEST DEPTFORD TWP SCH DISTRICT

Entity Number 123247

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# 18. Ineligible Participating Entities

Does your application also seek bids on services to entities that are not eligible for the Universal Service Program? If so, list those entities here (attach pages if needed):

## **Ineligible Participating Entity** Area Code

**Prefix** 

#### **Block 5: Certification and Signature**

### 19. The applicant includes:(Check one or both)

- **a.** Schools under the statutory definitions of elementary and secondary schools found in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. Secs. 7801(18) and (38), that do not operate as for-profit businesses, and do not have endowments exceeding \$50 million; and/or
- **b.** Illibraries or library consortia eligible for assistance from a State library administrative agency under the Library Services and Technology Act of 1996 that do not operate as for-profit businesses and whose budgets are completely separate from any school (including, but not limited to elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities).

# 20. All of the individual schools, libraries, and library consortia receiving services under this application are covered by:

- a. M individual technology plans for using the services requested in the application, and/or
- **b.** I higher-level technology plans for using the services requested in the application, or
- **c.** In no technology plan needed; application requests basic local and/or long distance telephone service only.

# 21. Status of technology plans (if representing multiple entities with mixed technology plan status, check both a and b):

- a. Metechnology plan(s) has/have been approved by a state or other authorized body.
- **b.** technology plan(s) will be approved by a state or other authorized body.
- c. 🔳 no technology plan needed; application requests basic local and long distance telephone service only. .
- **22.** I certify that the services the applicant purchases at discounts provided by 47 U.S.C. Sec. 254 will be used solely for educational purposes and will not be sold, resold, or transferred in consideration for money or any other thing of value.
- 23. I recognize that support under this support mechanism is conditional upon the school(s) or library(ies) I represent securing access to all of the resources, including computers, training, software, maintenance, and electrical connections necessary to use the services purchased effectively.
- **24.** I certify that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the above-named entities, that I have examined this request, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained herein are true.
- **25.** Signature of authorized person:
- **26.** Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/12/2001
- 27. Printed name of authorized person: William H. Thompson
- 28. Title or position of authorized person: Business Administrator/Board Secretary
- 29a. Address of authorized person:

City: State: Zip:

- 29b. Telephone number of authorized person: (856) 848 4300
- **29c.** Fax number of authorized person: ()
- **29d.** E-mail address number of authorized person:

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Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture, under the Communications Act, 47 U.S.C. Secs. 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. Sec. 1001.

Service provider involvement with preparation or certification of a Form 470 can taint the competitive bidding process and result in the denial of funding requests. For more information, refer to the "Service Provider Role in Assisting Customers" at www.sl.universalservice.org/vendor/manual/chapter5.doc or call the Client Service Bureau at 1-888-203-8100.

**NOTICE:** Section 54.504 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules requires all schools and libraries ordering services that are eligible for and seeking universal service discounts to file this Description of Services Requested and Certification Form (FCC Form 470) with the Universal Service Administrator. 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. The collection of information stems from the Commission's authority under Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. 47 U.S.C. § 254. The data in the report will be used to ensure that schools and libraries comply with the competitive bidding requirement contained in 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. All schools and libraries planning to order services eligible for universal service discounts must file this form themselves or as part of a consortium.

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The FCC is authorized under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, to collect the information we request in this form. We will use the information you provide to determine whether approving this application is in the public interest. If we believe there may be a violation or a potential violation of a FCC statute, regulation, rule or order, your application may be referred to the Federal, state, or local agency responsible for investigating, prosecuting, enforcing, or implementing the statute, rule, regulation or order. In certain cases, the information in your application may be disclosed to the Department of Justice or a court or adjudicative body when (a) the FCC; or (b) any employee of the FCC; or (c) the United States Government is a party of a proceeding before the body or has an interest in the proceeding. In addition, information provided in or submitted with this form or in response to subsequent inquiries may also be subject to disclosure consistent with the Communications Act of 1934, FCC regulations, the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, or other applicable law.

If you owe a past due debt to the federal government, the information you provide may also be disclosed to the Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service, other Federal agencies and/or your employer to offset your salary, IRS tax refund or other payments to collect that debt. The FCC may also provide the information to these agencies through the matching of computer records when authorized.

If you do not provide the information we request on the form, the FCC may delay processing of your application or may return your application without action

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